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[REDACTED] Targets on Czechoslovakia.

OBJECTIVE

All targets listed below are sought under objective II  
a. of DCID 4/6, dated 30 October 1956:

The strengths and weaknesses of the Soviet (including Satellite) economy, with particular reference to its ability to support a major war; the motivation, character, and magnitude of current economic development programs, their implementation and their effect upon the economic, political, and military strength of the Soviet Bloc; the capabilities and vulnerabilities of the Soviet and Satellite internal communications system.

BACKGROUND

Czechoslovakia is believed to be playing a major role in the recent COMECON-coordinated effort to achieve a higher degree of economic cooperation of the Bloc. Czechoslovakia, whose economy is closely tied in with the economies of other Bloc countries by extensive foreign trade will be materially affected by an increased emphasis on specialization of production within the Bloc. It is believed that in addition to structural changes in its industries, this may bring about a realignment of foreign trade patterns and especially an increased dependence on the USSR. There is a distinct possibility that frictions will arise between Czechoslovakia and other Bloc members, especially the USSR, over production and foreign trade assignments under the new scheme.

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BASIC INFORMATION

Detailed information on Czech participation in economic cooperation plans. Implementation or obstruction of CMEA objectives by Czech foreign trade policies and plans. Evidence of friction with the USSR or other Bloc members over the implementation of Bloc cooperation. Appraisals of the effects of closer Bloc cooperation on Czechoslovakia's foreign trade and international financial position.

TARGETS

<u>No.</u>	<u>Target</u>	<u>Location</u>
1	Classified reports of the Ministry of Foreign Trade giving data on imports and exports.	Ministry of Foreign Trade, Prague II, Trida politickych vecem, tel. 216.
2	Classified reports of the State Bank of Czechoslovakia dealing with international transactions.	State Bank of Czechoslovakia, Prague.
3	Classified reports of the Research Institute for Foreign Trade to the Ministry of Foreign Trade and the State Bank of Czechoslovakia.	Research Institute for Foreign Trade, Prague II, Vodova 2, tel. 22536-99.

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